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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)

West, et al.)

Application No: 09/872,125)

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FLOW IN A NETWORK SWITCH)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19 of this paper.

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